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DOUBTS POSSIBLE CCP-SOVIET RIFT

There has lately been considerable speculation on the possibility of discord between the CCF and Soviet Russia. This is based purely on inference and those promoting the idea do not agree in the matter.

Arguments advanced to support the idea are, first, that the Soviet authorities do not like the demand included in Mao Tzu-tung's eight points for the revision of unfavorable treaties since this might affect their 1957 treaty with China which gave them extensive privileges in Manchuria. The second sign of a possible rift is that the Soviet Embassy was the only embassy which moved to Kuang-chow (Canton) at the request of the Chinese Nationalist Government. The Soviet government also closed its Pei-p'ing consulate.

In answer to the first point, it is enough to say that if the Nationalists surrender to the CCP, any new government will be under the control of the CCP, and it is unthinkable that the CCP will order the removal of USSR Communists from China. In answer to the second argument, it may be pointed out that there are a great many Russian technicians now in Manchuria and North China. The leaders who took over the administration of T'ien-ching after the surrender were all Moscow-trained Chinese, speaking Russian fluently. The technicians directing the repairs on the Pei-p'ing-T'ien-ching Railroad were Russians.

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